

### **Amendments to the Claims**

Applicant cancels claims 1 – 9, amends claims 10 and 12, and adds claims 13 through 19. Thus, claims 10 and 12 through 19 are currently pending in this application. Applicant's amendments are reflected in the Listing of Claims provided below.

### **Listing of Claims:**

1 (canceled)

2 (canceled)

3 (canceled)

4 (canceled)

5 (canceled)

6 (canceled)

7 (canceled)

8 (canceled)

9 (canceled)

10 (currently amended)      A method of retaining an external portion of an implanted dialysis catheter comprising:

- a) providing a peritoneal dialysis security band ~~according to claim 1~~ comprising an endless elastic band, wherein said elastic band is continuous, and a catheter retaining pocket positioned along a portion of said elastic band, wherein said pocket is able to accept a catheter;
- b) stretching said elastic band;
- c) placing a portion of an individual's body through said elastic band;
- d) sliding said security band along said individual's body ending at about the waist or hips of said individual; and
- e) inserting the external portion of a peritoneal dialysis catheter in said catheter retaining pocket.

11 (canceled)

12 (previously presented)      The method according to claim 10, wherein step c) is performed prior to step b).

13 (new)      The method according to claim 10, wherein said elastic band comprises an inner surface and an outer surface, further wherein said catheter retaining pocket is positioned along a portion of said inner surface.

14 (new)      The method according to claim 10, wherein said elastic band is constructed at least in part from an elastic material selected from the group consisting of spandex, lycra, and elastic rubber.

15 (new)      The method according to claim 10, wherein said elastic band is constructed in part from an inelastic material.

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- 16 (new)      The method according to claim 15, wherein said inelastic material is selected from the group consisting of cotton, nylon, polyester and inelastic rubber.
- 17 (new)      The method according to claim 10, wherein said elastic band is foldable material.
- 18 (new)      The method according to claim 10, wherein said elastic band is constructed from a machine washable material.
- 19 (new)      The method according to claim 10, wherein said catheter retaining pocket is constructed at least in part from an elastic material or an inelastic material.